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PROGRAM ON RUSSIAN CONFERENCE FEATURES TLINGIT CLAN LEADER AND JUNEAU HISTORIAN

Highlights of the recent conference on Russian America will be presented by Ray Wilson, leader of the Sitka Kiks.ádi clan, and Dee Longenbaugh, historian of Russian America and map expert. The lecture, with images, will be presented on Saturday, October 27, from 10:00 am until noon at the Alaska State Museum. Admission is free of charge and open to the public.

The Third International Conference on Russian America was held in the Irkutsk region of central Siberia from August 8 – 12, 2007. The first three days of the conference were held in Irkutsk, Shelikhov, and at the Taltsi (Talci) Museum of Architecture and Ethnography. The fourth day included a train trip to examine historic architectural features along a portion of the Trans-Siberian Railroad. The fifth day consisted of a bus journey to the village of Anga, childhood home of Saint Innocent of Alaska, in the Buriat Republic and a tour of the Shishkino Petroglyph site. The well-attended conference included participants from across Russia as well as France and the Czech Republic. Several federal and state officials from Alaska attended, as did Mr. Wilson, representing his clan of the Tlingit.

Conference highlights included visits to historical sites linked to Alaska, including the childhood home of Saint Innocent of Alaska, a tour of the Shishkino Petroglyph site, and the adoption of Mr. Wilson and Ms. Longenbaugh by the Buryat people of Siberia.

Conference details:

<http://home.gci.net/~sncnuka/JSARGRA/JSARGRA-2007-Conference.html>.

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